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SUBJ: FURTHER SIGNS OF GNZ INTEREST TO MAKE

BILATERAL PETROLEUM DEAL

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1. SHEIKH SAIF GHABASH, FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, WHO IN NEW ZEALAND REPORTEDLY ON PRIVATE VISIT ENROUTE HOME FROM NEW YORK FOLLOWING UNGA WAS INVITED BY GNZ TO HAVE NFORMAL MEETING OF JANUARY 10 WITH NEW ZEALAND PRIME MINISTER (PM), MR. KIRK, AND SENIOR GNZ OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS OIL SITUATION.

PROMINENT PRESS REPORTS ON SHEIKH'S PRESENCE IN NZ AND MEETING WITH PM.

2. THOUGH PM DECLINED TO DISCUSS "INFORMAL MEETING"
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WITH PRESS, (OR TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED WITH THE SHEIKH) THE

SHEIKH DID TALK. HE SAID HE DID NOT DISCOUNT POSSIBILITY OF OIL-FOR MUTTON DEAL THOUGH HE SAID THIS NOT DISCUSSED WITH PM BUT TRADE WAS DISCUSSED. ALSO BEFORE MEETING WITH PM SHEIKH GHOBASH WAS REPORTED AS SAYING NZ WAS REGARDED AS "FRIENDLY". WHEN ASKED IF NZ WOULD BE TREATED MORE FAVORABLY IF IT SUPPORTED THE ARAB CAUSE INSTEAD OF REMAINING NEURTAL, HIS NON-SEQUITUR REPLY WAS, IT WAS A MATTER FOR NEW ZEALANDERS OWN CONSCIENCES. HE SKIPPED OVER A QUESTION ON WHETHER OIL COMPANIES OR OIL PRODUCERS DECIDED ON SUPPLY TO DIVIDUAL COUNTRIES.

3. COMMENT: VARIOUS REPORTED COMMENTS MADE BY PM DURING AND ON RETURN FROM HIS EAST ASIAN TRIP INDICATE A WILLINGNESS IF NOT A HOPE TO MAKE SOME PETROLEUM BARTER DEAL. FOR EXAMPLE HE COMMENTED THAT NZ COULD HAVE MADE A PETROLEUM FOR NEWSPRINT BARTER DEAL WITH MALAYSIA IF NZ HAD HAD THE NEWSPRINT. WOOD

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